



Housing Plan Implementation Committee

Minutes

Date: 3/29/17

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Location: Town Hall Annex Conference Room, First Floor

Present: Samara Kleyman, Pam Hallett, Katie Einstein, Ann Woodward, Lourie August, Pamela Baldwin, Patrick Murphy, Kate Casa, Laura Wiener (staff)

This first meeting of the Housing Plan Implementation Committee started with introductions. The Housing Production Plan was adopted by the Redevelopment Board in June, 2016, the Selectmen in July, 2016, and certified by the State Department of Housing and Community Development in October, 2016.

Laura reported on progress to date in implementation of the plan.

- #3 Zoning has been changed to encourage mixed use with residential development in commercial areas
- #7 Parking requirements in multi-family and commercial areas have been modified to encourage housing production
- #9 Housing affordability has been preserved at least until 2032 at Millbrook Square
- #15 Housing Plan Implementation Committee was formed

Committee reviewed the Implementation Plan recommendations.

Is there a list of accessible housing in Arlington?

Explore ways to provide affordable homeownership. (Life Estate is one example)

Accessory apartments—why don't we allow this?

Home Improvement Loan Program—why is it underutilized?

Community education—elderly housing needs and solutions; explaining the housing crisis, other topics. Goal of community education is to create a coalition to build political support through education.

Documentary film at Somerville Theatre (?)

Research topics for next meeting:

Accessible Housing Inventory—Ann

Accessory apartments—Laura and Kate

Life Estate, and other affordable homeownership strategies—Patrick

Home Repair Program—Laura and Lourie

Community education—Katie

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Next meeting: Wednesday June 17 at 7PM.